THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI) : (a) Foreign Tourist arrivals to India during 2003, 2004 and 2005 (estimated) have been 2.73 million, 3.46 million and 3.92 million respectively showing an increase of 14.3%, 26.8% and 13.2% respectively over the previous year.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) As development and promotion of tourist spots/places is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments, in order to assist them in identifying various places of tourist interest, and their systematic development, the Department of Tourism commissioned 20 Year Perspective Plans for various States which, *inter alia,* have identified places for development and also provided an action plan for development of identified places. The reports have been sent to the States/UTs for preparation of their plans accordingly.

Funds for tourism sector

287. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what measures are being taken to identify fresh tourism destinations and widen tourism base in the country so as to enhance tourism activity and generate more income therefrom;

(b) the details in this regard, State-wise; and

(c) the details of financial allocations made for the tourism sector and released during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI) : (a) and (b) Development of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/UTs. The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, extends Central financial assistance to the State Governments/Union Territories for development of tourism on the basis of the proposals received from them, subject to availability of funds and *inter-se* priorities.

(c) Plan funds amounting to Rs. 325 crore, Rs. 500 crore and Rs. 786 crore have been allocated for tourism sector during the years 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 respectively. A Statement showing the State-wise tourism projects sanctioned and released during the last three years is enclosed.

Statement

Statement of State-wise Tourism Projects sanctioned during the Tenth Five Year Plan (as on 31.3.2005)

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	State/UT	2002-03			2003-04			2004-05		
		No. of Project Sancd.	Amount Sancd.	Amount Released	No. of Project Sancd.	Amount Sancd.	Amount Released	No. of Project Sancd.	Amount Sancd.	Amount Released
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2	507.50	195.00	6	946.50	896.44	16	2827.19	2240.68
2.	Assam	9	768.13	618.85	3	313.46	313.06	8	986.03	766.22
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	5	41.30	32.50	6	1044.60	700.00	9	1325.50	927.96
4.	Bihar	8	505.00	505.00	6	1019.42	913.89	7	1901.43	1527.71
5.	Chhattisgarh	9	308.00	98.50	6	1005.00	364.00	6	1117.94	897.93
6.	Goa	1	0.50	0.50	2	36.76	34.76	3	110.00	38.00
7.	Gujarat	2	197.12	59.13	8	920.51	815.82	2	138.93	111.14
8.	Haryana	8	332.25	311.00	16	1215.38	879.23	6	693.55	513.64
9.	Himachal Pradesh	30	779.32	760.38	4	182.32	85.00	12	2680.00	2161.00
10.	J&K	3	94.38	89.47	5	895.00	895.00	5	819.25	699.04
11.	Jharkhand	0	0	0	2	1109.00	774.60	2	945.91	756.72
12.	Karnataka	6	902.49	625.49	14	932.66	792.51	12	2461.76	1937.37
13.	Kerala	11	861.36	829.86	6	608.50	564.15	10	2283.63	1820.33
14.	Madhya Pradesh	18	711.18	574.79	10	621.90	394.51	11	1595.19	942 21
15.	Maharashtra	8	623.46	546.25	10	931.83	914.58	10	1620.62	925.30

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
16.	Manipur	2	5.24	2.62	1	82.44	24.73	0	0.00	0.00
17.	Meghalaya	3	70.35	21.20	2	40.22	24.92	2	963.30	807.91
18.	Mizoram	6	141.16	48.46	5	567.70	186.75	6	1086.35	382.38
19.	Nagaland	5	360.50	323.43	4	711.00	220.80	7	2250.69	1413.40
20.	Orissa	2	47.50	15.75	5	419.55	138.50	8	1320.74	1059.38
21.	Punjab	3	23.00	14.60	2	96.00	12.30	7	724.68	581.47
22.	Rajasthan	13	1098.70	1096.20	14	1644.81	1414.25	13	2516.61	1375.07
23.	Sikkim	13	346.24	269.76	8	1151.09	681.49	8	660.81	531.33
24.	Tamil Nadu	5	559.00	316.10	14	1339.82	850.53	7	1308.92	705.83
25.	Tripura	5	216.13	67.78	6	450.17	135.16	1	20.00	16.00
26.	Uttaranchal	3	548.00	418.00	4	230.44	203.94	7	2199.98	1750.73
27.	Uttar Pradesh	3	295.00	295.00	7	1115.80	916.26	9	1044.93	831.19
28.	West Bengal	5	201.10	60.00	10	717.44	384.34	10	513.04	407.43
29.	Andaman & Nicobar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00
30.	Chandigarh	3	7.75	6.63	2	10.00	8.00	3	467.00	373.60
31.	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	2	8.07	6.46	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00
32.	Delhi	14	504.00	449.02	17	3316.28	3222.13	8	628.85	511.00
33.	Daman & Diu	3	49.50	16.90	1	265.07	238.56	0	0.00	0.00
34.	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00
35.	Pondicherry	2	7.87	6.30	1	245.17	73.55	2	451.00	360.00
	TOTAL	212	11121.10	8680.93	207	24185.84	18073.76	217	37663.83	27371.97

Note—This includes the projects relating to Circuits, Destinations, Large Revenue Generating Projects, Rural Tourism (Software and Hardware) Projects, IT, Event, Fair & Festivals Projects.